Supporting Information

Rapid and ratiometric sensor for CAN (Ce⁴⁺) through metal assisted oxidation reaction-altered Through Bond Energy Transfer (TBET): development of low cost devices (TLC plate sticks)

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1. Determination of fluorescence quantum yield:

Here, the quantum yield φ was measured by using the following equation,

 $\varphi_{\rm x} = \varphi_{\rm s} (F_{\rm x} / F_{\rm s}) (A_{\rm s} / A_{\rm x}) (n_{\rm x}^2 / n_{\rm s}^2)$

Where,

X & S indicate the unknown and standard solution respectively, φ = quantum yield,

F = area under the emission curve, A = absorbance at the excitation wave length,

n = index of refraction of the solvent. Here φ measurements were performed using quinine sulfate in ethanol as standard [$\varphi = 0.546$] (error ~ 10%).

The quantum yield of **RCH** itself is 0.004 which is remarkably changed into 0.26, an enhancement around 65 fold is observed.

2. Calculation of the detection limit:



Figure S1: Absorbance change of RCH upon gradual addition of CAN.

The detection limit DL of **RCH** for CAN was determined from the following equation¹:

DL = K* Sb1/S

Where K = 2 or 3 (we take 2 in this case); Sb1 is the standard deviation of the blank solution;

S is the slope of the calibration curve.

From the graph we get slope = 0.0242, and Sb1 value is 0.008292. Thus using the formula we get the Detection Limit = 0.685μ M i.e. RCH can detect CAN in this minimum concentration.

3. Calculation of rate constant:

From the time vs. Fl. Intensity vs. time (sec.) plot at fixed wavelength (413nm) using first order rate equation (Figure S5), we get rate constant K = slope X 2.303 = 0.0495 X 2.303 = 11.39×10^{-2} s⁻¹,

4. pH effect on RCH moiety:



Figure S5: The change of fluorescence intensity of the receptor i.e. RCH $(c = 2x10^{-5} \text{ M})$ (at 585 nm) with pH.

5. NMR and HRMS spectra of RCH and the corresponding CAN adduct:

¹H NMR spectrum of Receptor i.e. RCH:



¹³C NMR spectrum of RCH:



¹H NMR spectrum of CAN adduct:



HR MS Spectra of CAN adduct :



6. UV-vis absorption spectra of RCH with different oxidizing agents Co^{2+} , Hg^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , I⁻, IBX, NO_3^- , NO_2^- , O_2^- , OH^- , OCI^- , PO_4^{3-} , SO_4^{2-} , SO_3^{2-} , CH_3CO_3H . The solutions of anions and oxidants were prepared from FeCl₃, $Co(ClO_4)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$, $HgCl_2$, KI, NaNO₂, NaNO₃, Na₃PO₄, Na₂SO₃, Na₂SO₄ in CH₃CN-H₂O)







7. Fluorescence emission spectra of RCH with different oxidizing agents Co²⁺, Hg²⁺, Fe³⁺, I⁻, IBX, NO₃⁻, NO₂⁻, O₂⁻, OH⁻, OCl⁻, PO₄³⁻, SO₄²⁻, SO₃²⁻, CH₃CO₃H. The solutions of anions and oxidants were prepared from FeCl₃, Co(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O, HgCl₂, KI, NaNO₂, NaNO₃, Na₃PO₄, Na₂SO₃, Na₂SO₄ in CH₃CN-H₂O)



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